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REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Domestic Priority Claim under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a).

By this paper, Applicant has removed Applicant's claim of priority to all parent applications of U.S. Application No. 09/378,143, filed August 20, 1999 (now abandoned); and Applicant has added Applicant's claim of priority to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/413,222, filed October 5, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/744,253, filed November 5, 1996 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,986,796), which is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/US95/05358, filed May 1, 1995.

Prior to this modified claim of priority, the Applicant sought a priority date of May 1, 1995 from International Application No. PCT/US95/05358, via U.S. Application No. 09/378,143. With its new claim of priority, the Applicant seeks the same priority date of May 1, 1995 from International Application No. PCT/US95/05358, but now via co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/413,222. Thus, this amendment does not change the earliest date of priority that Applicant is seeking.

No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Accordingly, the Applicant submits that no new examination is necessary.

This Amendment is being filed with an RCE and no amendment fee is required.

If a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.

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